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BANGKOK FOR AMBASSADOR SHELDON B. VANCE

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SUBJECT: U.S. COOPERATION/ASSISTANCE IN SELECTIVE FOREIGN
DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

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1. WE APPLAUD PROPOSED USG PROGRAM OF COOPERATION/
ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. IT IS APPRO-
PRIATE THAT U.S. ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE AMERICAN CONCERN FOR
ADDICTION ASPECTS AS A BALANCE TO OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IN SUPPLY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS. THIS KIND OF
BALANCE HAS LONG BEEN LACKING.
2. HONG KONG IS IMPORTANT TO U.S. NARCOTICS CONTROL AND
IS PROPERLY SELECTED AS ONE OF THE SITES FOR INVESTIGATION
OF PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT
THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN USEFULLY DO IN SUPPORT OF THE
HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM, BUT
THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE IN SUCH AREAS AS EDUCATION,
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PREVENTION AND PERHAPS REHABILITATION RATHER THAN IN

TREATMENT. AS WE INDICATED IN REF B, THE GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON AN EXPANDED TREATMENT PROGRAM WITH OUTSIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND HAS ALREADY INFORMED US THEY DO NOT NEED U.S. HELP IN THIS AREA. REHABILITATION, HOWEVER, IS RECEIVING LITTLE EMPHASIS AND EDUCATION HARDLY ANY ATTENTION AT ALL.

3. WE WILL DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE PROPOSED PROGRAM BASED ON IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND RESOURCES AND SUBMIT IT WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. A CONSULATE GENERAL TEAM HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THE TRI-COUNTRY NARCOTICS CONFERENCE IN RANGOON. AT THE END OF THIS WEEK, WE WILL BE REVIEWING THE LOCAL SITUATION DURING AMBASSADOR VANCE'S VISIT. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS VISIT WILL AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO THE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE WE WILL NEED TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE.
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